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## Gleneagles, Edinburgh & The Highlands Escorted 2021

### Attend The 150th Open at St Andrews

8 Nights | 4 Rounds | Saturday & Sunday at The Open | July 11 - 19

### Tour Pricing Per Guest

Golfer: \$8,495 | Non Golfer: \$7,350 | Single Supplement: \$2,595

**PerryGolf** is pleased to offer this 8-night, 4-round, Escorted Tour, visiting **Gleneagles, Edinburgh** and **The Highlands**, highlighted by attendance to the final two rounds of **The 150th Open at St Andrews**. Before we travel to watch the game's best battle the Old Course, we'll play **Royal Dornoch**, the legendary home layout that inspired architect Donald Ross; the **PGA Centenary and King's** courses at **Gleneagles** and **Castle Stuart**, recent host of the Scottish Open.

We convene at **Gleneagles**, a magnificent countryside estate, which combines luxurious rooms, scenic views and excellent cuisine, creating an incomparable place to relax and refresh. The non-golfers in our party will enjoy touring the **Drummond Gardens** and visiting great Scottish symbols, **Stirling Castle** and the **Wallace Monument**.

In Inverness, the **Ballindalloch Castle** is known as the "Pearl of the North," while the entire group tastes the whisky at the **Glenlivet Distillery**. Also explore the beautiful **Dunrobin Castle**, looking out across the stunning North Sea.

The golf at Gleneagles is extraordinary. The **PGA Centenary Course** was designed by Jack Nicklaus for the 2014 Ryder Cup matches. **The King's Course** is a beauty, designed by five-time Open champion James Braid in 1919 and offering stunning scenery in every direction. Traveling to **Royal Dornoch** is imperative for any Ross aficionado, to face the demanding inverted saucer greens created by Old Tom Morris. One round and it's easy to understand why Dornoch is routinely ranked among the top 20 courses in the world. **Castle Stuart**, a Gil Hanse and Mark Parsinen design, opened in 2009 along the Moray Firth, which quickly entered the top 100 in the world rankings.

Our tour concludes with Grounds Passes to the final two rounds of **The 150th Open at St. Andrews**, on The Old Course, adored by Nicklaus and Jones, site of victories by Woods, Faldo, Ballesteros, Locke and the five-time champion Peter Thomson of Australia. Watch the world's best golfers attack the **Valley of Sin** and try to conquer the **Road Hole**, immerse yourself in a town where golf and life are intertwined.

The accommodations are exceptional beginning with the **Gleneagles Hotel**, set on an 850-acre country estate; **Ness Walk**, which offers 48 bedrooms on the River Ness; and the **Caledonian Waldorf Astoria**, a symbol of Scotland's premier hospitality for more than a century.

If you enjoy combining your love of golf with a passion for travel, you'll find a relaxing and highly rewarding experience on this Escorted Tour for a party of 20 to 30 guests. Every aspect is fully managed from the handling of your luggage and equipment to hotel and golf course check ins. Various meals, guided sightseeing, carts /

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caddies, local taxes, service charges and gratuities (excluding caddies) are included in addition to sandwiches, snacks plus an open bar for beer and wine during our time at each of the golf courses. Best of all, this PerryGolf vacation promises an ideal opportunity to join a group of like-minded new friends.

## Detailed Itinerary

### SUNDAY, JULY 11: GLENEAGLES, SCOTLAND

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Arrive **Glasgow** or **Edinburgh** Airport. Met on arrival where you will be transferred to relax at your hotel, **Gleneagles**.

Since opening its doors in 1924, this magnificent countryside estate in the heart of Scotland has been known as a “Riviera in the Highlands”. Today its’ unrivalled cuisine and luxury accommodation combine with the outdoor facilities and stunning views over Perthshire to ensure Gleneagles continues its’ reputation as one of the greatest establishments of its kind in the world.

This evening Welcome Cocktails & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT: **Gleneagles** – Estate Room

### MONDAY, JULY 12: GLENEAGLES, SCOTLAND

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GOLF: Today play the **PGA Centenary Course at Gleneagles Hotel**. This highly acclaimed modern classic of Jack Nicklaus design was host venue to the 2014 Ryder Cup. The course is set in a most spectacular location in the rolling Perthshire hills and affords wonderful views of the Grampian Mountains and the surrounding countryside. *Note: Golf cart venue.*

SIGHTSEEING: Non-Golfers enjoy a morning visit to **Stirling Castle & the Wallace Monument**; both great symbols of Scotland and a source of national pride. The Castle's long, turbulent history is associated with great figures from Scotland’s past such as William Wallace & Mary Queen of Scots. The Monument is a 220 feet sandstone tower build between 1861 and 1869 and the climb to the top is not for the faint-hearted.

In the afternoon a chance to relax and enjoy the resort facilities of Gleneagles Hotel.

OVERNIGHT: **Gleneagles** – Estate Room

### TUESDAY, JULY 13: INVERNESS, SCOTLAND

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GOLF: Today play the **King’s Course at Gleneagles Hotel** which opened in 1919 and is a shot maker’s paradise. Renowned architect and five-time Open champion James Braid intended to test every facet of a golfer’s skill set. With springy moorland turf underfoot in an idyllic setting featuring rock faced mountains to the north, lush green hills to the south and the peaks of the Trossachs and Ben Vorlich on the western horizon, the scenery is incomparable. The 5th hole, Het Girdle (Hot Pan) is a fantastic par-3 loaded with trouble until your shot safely reaches the green.

**SIGHTSEEING:** Non-Golfers enjoy a visit to **Drummond Gardens** near Crieff. Pass into the inner courtyard and reach the top of the terracing and the full extent and majesty of this garden is suddenly revealed. The dominant feature of the parterre design is a St Andrew's Cross with the multiplex 17th century sundial at its centre. A strong north-south axis runs through the garden, down the impressive flight of steps to the sundial, through the classical archway and kitchen garden beyond, cutting a swathe through woodland before rising to the top of the opposing hillside. This idea of drawing the countryside into the garden is essentially French, however Drummond is an eclectic garden and also rooted firmly in the Italian style with its fountains, terracing, urns and statuary.

This afternoon we make the journey to **Inverness** (3hrs) by luxury motor coach. Travel north past The Cairngorms National Park to our hotel in Inverness, your home for the next three nights.

**OVERNIGHT: Ness Walk** – Cedar Room

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 14: INVERNESS, SCOTLAND**

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Today Golfers and Non-Golfers alike will enjoy a tour to **Speyside** and visit to The **Glenlivet Distillery**. This morning make the journey to the heartland of Scottish Whisky production. Speyside plays host to over half the distilleries in Scotland and has the greatest concentration of malt whisky producers than any of the other regions in Scotland. Enjoy of tour of the Glenlivet Distillery where you will learn about the origins of whisky production in the area as well as the history of the distillery before a learning about the production process and viewing the casks as they mature in a traditional warehouse. The tour will conclude with a special dram drawn straight from the cask.

After lunch we travel to **Ballindalloch Castle**. Ballindalloch is one of the most beautiful and romantic castles in Scotland. It is first and foremost a much loved family home and has been lived in continuously by its original family, the Macpherson-Grants since 1546. Known as the 'Pearl of the North' it is a warm and welcoming castle set in the magnificent surroundings of the Spey Valley. The Castle is filled with family memorabilia and houses a fine collection of 17th century Spanish paintings built up by Sir John Macpherson-Grant in 1850.

This evening enjoy dinner with your group in a local restaurant (included).

**OVERNIGHT: Ness Walk** – Cedar Room

### **THURSDAY, JULY 15: INVERNESS, SCOTLAND**

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**GOLF:** Today play **Royal Dornoch**. The curving bay of the Dornoch Firth and its magnificent white broad beaches are backed by a narrow strip of softly contoured dune land rising in two distinctive levels, providing just enough room for parallel fairways. The ridges, hillocks, dunes and undulating links land have all the characteristics of the best of links courses, and most of the difficulties. Old Tom Morris was the architect responsible for extending the original 9 holes layout to 18 holes in 1886. He introduced the plateau greens which are the soul of the course, their uniqueness lies in their size and their inverted saucer shapes.

**SIGHTSEEING:** Non-Golfers enjoy a visit to **Dunrobin Castle** and the **Falls of Shin**. Dunrobin Castle, seat of the Earls and Dukes of Sutherland, this beautiful castle with a French influence sits looking out across the North Sea. With 189 rooms, it is the largest house in the Northern Highlands. Parts of it date back to the 1300s. There are many collections of furniture, pictures, objects d'art, uniforms, china and family memorabilia on display in the

Drawing Room, Library, study, bedrooms, nurseries, etc. While Falls of Shin is perfect for those who enjoy the outdoors and wildlife. There are extensive forest walks, dramatic waterfalls and the famous salmon leap, where you can watch salmon hurl themselves up the falls. The visitor centre shop has a range of exclusive luxury gifts from Harrods Knightsbridge in London and superb quality local quality crafts, plus fresh local produce.

OVERNIGHT: **Ness Walk** – Cedar Room

## FRIDAY, JULY 16: EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

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GOLF: Today play **Castle Stuart Golf Links**. One of the newest additions to Scotland's collection of the links courses, Castle Stuart runs along the shores of the Moray Firth to the east of Inverness with wonderful views over to the Black Isle. Six holes hug the shoreline while the remaining holes are played over a terraced slope so views out to sea are ever present. It is already included among the World's Top 100.

SIGHTSEEING: Non-Golfers will visit **Culloden Moor**, site where the Jacobite uprising ended in 1746 and one of the most harrowing battles in British history. Take a tour of the battlefield where a guide will lead you around the key areas as well as visiting the memorial cairn and the restored 18th-century Leanach Cottage with its beautiful thatched roof.

This afternoon journey to Scotland's capital city of **Edinburgh** (3hrs 30 mins) by luxury motor coach.

OVERNIGHT: **The Caledonian Waldorf Astoria** – Premium Room

## SATURDAY, JULY 17: EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

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Today travel by motor coach from Edinburgh to **St Andrews** (1hr 40mins) to attend the third round of **The 150th Open at St Andrews**. The Old Course remains essentially unchanged from the days of Old Tom Morris in the mid-to-late 19th century. The double fairways, double greens and natural bunkering combine to produce a set of strategic demands on the golfer which are unmatched and completely unique. In the course of its 29 Opens, St Andrews has had a habit of throwing up winners who are the best of their generation. Tiger Woods, Nick Faldo, Seve Ballesteros, Jack Nicklaus, Peter Thomson and Bobby Locke. Bobby Jones created such an impression on St Andrews during his 1927 win that it proved to be the beginning of a lifelong connection with the town.

OVERNIGHT: **The Caledonian Waldorf Astoria** – Premium Room

## SUNDAY, JULY 18: EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

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Today travel by motor coach from Edinburgh to St Andrews (1hr 40mins) to attend the final round of **The 150th Open at St Andrews**.

This evening enjoy Farewell drinks and dinner (included).

OVERNIGHT: **The Caledonian Waldorf Astoria** – Premium Room

## MONDAY, JULY 19: EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

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After breakfast transfer to **Edinburgh Airport** for homeward flights.

## Golf Schedule

### Gleneagles - King's Course

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The King's Course was the inspiration of James Braid, five time winner of The Open. It opened in 1919, representing the finest 'classical' golf course design. It is certainly one of the most beautiful and exhilarating places to play golf in the world. With the sweeping views from the tees all around, the rock-faced mountains to the north and the green hills to the south, and the peaks of the Trossachs and Ben Vorlich on the western horizon.

### Gleneagles - PGA Centenary Course

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This highly acclaimed Jack Nicklaus design is a fine test of championship golf. A modern layout featuring many strategic bunkers and vast putting surfaces with severe undulations from front-to-back and side-to-side. The course can stretch to over 7,088 yards from the tips and affords wonderful views of the Grampian Mountains and the Perthshire countryside. The course was the host site for the 2014 Ryder Cup, as it returned to Scotland.



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revetted natural bunkers and rumpled fairways. A regular host course for the Scottish Open.

## **Accommodations**

### **Gleneagles Hotel**

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Gleneagles Hotel, most famous of Britain's country hotels and synonymous with excellence, is set in its own 850 acre estate, surrounded by magnificent countryside. Renowned world-wide, the 5 star resort is famed for many attractions, not least its three internationally celebrated golf courses providing an unsurpassed variety of challenges and pleasures throughout their combined 54 holes. James Braid's designed courses, the King's and Queen's, have themselves become legendary. The addition of the Signature Nicklaus design PGA Centenary Course has greatly enhanced the reputation of their premier golf resort, which played host to the 2014 Ryder Cup. The hotel opened in 1924 and over the years the King's has hosted numerous major events, including the first ever professionals' match between Britain and America in 1921, the forerunner of the Ryder Cup. Some of the finest shooting and fishing in Britain is readily available in almost all conceivable sporting forms. The Spa by ESPA has been designed by award winning interior designer Amanda Rosa. Every aspect of the unique and tranquil space enhances the therapeutic ESPA treatments. The calming relaxation rooms and the spacious, naturally lit courtyard allow you to rest your body and mind pre and post treatment. Each of the hotel's restaurants has its own style, but the hallmark of all is the use of the finest fresh produce available locally in Perthshire and Scotland, as well as from specialist suppliers around the world. The Strathearn is a grand restaurant, serving the finest Scottish dishes. Deseo serves Mediterranean cuisine in a relaxed, informal environment while Andrew Fairlie at Gleneagles, the only 2 Michelin star restaurant in Scotland, provides the ultimate fine dining experience where the cuisine is unashamedly French but with a Scottish twist. Unrivalled cuisine and luxury accommodation combine with the outdoor facilities to ensure Gleneagles continues its reputation as one of the greatest establishments of its kind in the world.

### **Ness Walk**

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Located on the leafy banks of the River Ness in Inverness. This new addition to the city offers 48 exquisite bedrooms taking their influence from seasonal landscape with a flow of soft colours and textiles. The original Grade B listed building remains with added bedroom wings and will feature an open lounge with high ceilings and views across the lawn to the river. High corniced ceilings and lavish furnishings will warm the restaurant and bar giving guests a relaxing, rich and cosy setting. Guest bedrooms are designed with every modern comfort involved with a choice of bedrooms on the ground floor with garden patio to the first and second floors will wall to floor windows for added light.

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## The Caledonian Waldorf Astoria

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The Caledonian, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel, has recently undergone a luxury re-launch following a £24 million investment and renovation programme to bring this landmark Scottish property into the Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts portfolio. 'The Caley', as it is affectionately known among Edinburgh locals, has embodied the very best in Scottish hospitality for over a hundred years. Situated at the west end of Princes Street, this former Victorian railway hotel nestles in the shadow of the historic Edinburgh Castle, just two minutes' walk from the designer stores and fashionable bars of George Street. With two exquisite restaurants, the Pompadour by Galvin and Galvin Brasserie de Luxe. Luxurious bedrooms contain the largest bathrooms of any hotel in Edinburgh.